Procurement Board, the Government has initiated a series of measures to make the procurement process more transparent.

Revision of family pension

1260. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1181 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th March, 2001 and state:

(a) whether the Sena Seva Corps Abhilekh (Yantrik Parivahan), ASC Records (MT), Bangalore has implemented the order issued on 14th March, 2000 regarding family pension/ special family pension to pre 1st January, 1996 family pensioners;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the inordinate delay by the said office in implementation and releasing the revised scales to its special family pensioners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) to (c) According to instructions, revision of special family pension/liberalised family pension under 14.3.2000 order is to be carried out by pension disbursing authorities and not by Record offices. ASC Records (MT), Bangalore received 311 applications with regard to revision of special family pension/liberalised family pension and same have been forwarded by them to concerned pension disbursing authorities after recording the due endorsement.

Upgradation of MI-35 Helicopter

1261. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether MI-35 Helicopter gunships are being upgraded with "Night Visions";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and